

Minutes of the 20 February 2012
Special Joint Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners and the Yancey
County Board of Education
Held at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the Board Room
Yancey County Board of Education Building, Burnsville, North Carolina

Present for the joint meeting of the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners and the Yancey County Board of Education were Chairman Johnny Riddle, Member Jill Austin, and Member Marvin Holland, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, Finance Director Lynne Hensley, Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, Board of Education Chairperson Rhonda Boone, Board of Education Members Jack Tipton, and Mike Orr, Superintendent Dr. Tony Tipton, and School Finance Director Robbie Renfro.

Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Riddle called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin.

Discussion of Items of Mutual Interest and Concern

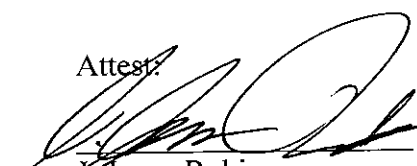
Superintendent Tipton began the meeting by welcoming the members of the Board of Commissioners to the Board of Education offices. Dr. Tipton stated that he felt the best way to make sure Yancey County is moving forward is to have open lines of communication. Dr. Tipton then presented a power point presentation highlighting budgetary concerns going into this coming fiscal year. Dr. Tipton highlighted all of the measures that had been taken this fiscal year to cut costs and the coming fiscal year presented more obstacles such as the loss of the Edu Jobs money from the federal government. Dr. Tipton also highlighted some capital needs that have been going on in the county and wanted to give the Board of Commissioners an update on those capital projects. Dr. Tipton also asked the Board of Commissioners to restore the 5% budget reduction that was done this fiscal year as a cost savings for County Government, which was done to all county departments, as well as outside agencies. Chairman Riddle stated that before either of the current Boards took office that the Board of Commissioners gave the school system a 24% increase in funds and he advised that there would be further discussion regarding school appropriations. Chairperson Boone stated that the Board of Education thought that the Board of Commissioners needed this information to make a decision. Dr. Tipton also discussed the possibility of both boards meeting twice per year to keep the lines of communication open. Discussion was also entered into about two large capital projects that were on the horizon, the construction of two new elementary schools for Bald Creek and Micaville. Dr. Tipton also stated that State Senator Ralph Hise had an information session at the Board Office on February 17 and thought that some of the money for the EduJobs could be put back in because of revenues being higher than expected this year and that within the next two years there could be a glimmer of hope. Commissioner Holland inquired as to the population of the schools whether they are going up or down. Dr. Tipton stated that the population had been down slightly but other groups such as English as Second Language and severe Exceptional Children population is on the rise. Discussion followed about how Yancey County Schools' fund balance is compared to other counties that surround us.

Adjournment

Having no further business Commissioner Holland made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

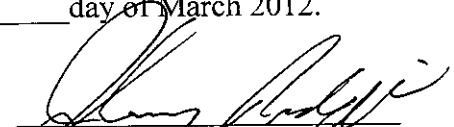
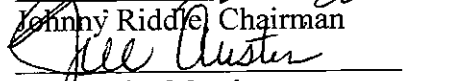

Approved and authenticated on this the _____ 6th _____ day of March 2012.

Attest:


J. Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board

(county seal)




Johnny Riddle, Chairman

Jill Austin, Member

Marvin Holland, Member

COUNTY MANAGER
Nathan Bennett



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February 20, 2012
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and
YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PLACE OF MEETING
Yancey County Board of Education – Central Office
Board Room
100 School Circle
Burnsville, NC**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Johnny Riddle
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Joint Session with the Yancey County Board of Education
Discussion of Items of Mutual Interest and Concern
- IV. Adjournment